

REMARKSI. Introduction

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 6, 2003, Claims 1-18 were added with a status identifier.

II. Conclusion

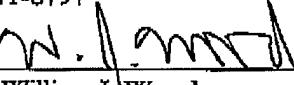
In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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